

REMARKS

In response to the restriction requirement dated August 16, 2006, Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, invention 1 corresponding to claims 1-55. Claims 7, 8, 11 and 56-88 have been cancelled, claims 1, 9, 10, 12, 14, 42-44, and 53 have been amended, and claims 89-172 have been added. Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate various limitations from dependent claim 7, and to delete the group "qualitative data"; claim 9 has been amended to incorporate original independent claim 1 and to delete the group "qualitative data"; claim 10 has been amended to incorporate original independent claim 1 and to delete the group "qualitative data"; claim 12 has been amended to incorporate original independent claim 1 and to delete the group "qualitative data"; claim 14 has been amended to incorporate original independent claim 1, delete the group "qualitative data," and to amend the group from which the data is extracted; claim 53 has been amended to incorporate original independent claim 1 and delete the group "qualitative data." No new matter has been added.

It is believed that the application is now in order for allowance and Applicants respectfully request that a notice of allowance be issued. Applicants believe that no extension of time is required; however, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that the applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for an extension of time. If any additional fees are required for the timely consideration of this application, please charge deposit account number 19-4972.

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Respectfully submitted,



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